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IN RE APPLICATION OF :  
NORIYOSHI MASUDA, ET AL. : ATTN: NEW APPLICATIONS  
SERIAL NO: NEW APPLICATION :  
FILED: HEREWITH :  
FOR: OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND :  
METHOD FOR CHARACTERIZING AND  
DETECTING GENOGROUP II TYPE  
SMALL ROUND STRUCTURED VIRUS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Applicants request entry of the following amendments:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on  
page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.